

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with 17.55.114(6) of the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM), the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) hereby gives notice of a 30-day public comment period on its proposal to delist the Abandoned Railroad Embankment West Great Falls facility in Great Falls, Montana. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has successfully completed a voluntary cleanup of this facility and DEQ is soliciting public comment on the proposed delisting of this facility. DEQ has determined that through this voluntary cleanup, BNSF has completed all remedial action required for the facility. Thus, upon payment of all remedial action costs, all the requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Cleanup and Responsibility Act (CECRA) will be fully met, including the requirement that conditions at the facility assure present and long-term protection of public health, safety and welfare and the environment. Therefore, DEQ proposes to remove the facility from the CECRA priority list. The public comment period will begin on Nov. 6, 2006, and comments must be received in the DEQ office by midnight on Dec. 6, 2006. Copies of the Voluntary Cleanup Plan (VCP) and other site-related documents are available at the Great Falls Public Library, 301 2nd Avenue North, and at the DEQ Site Response Section of the Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Bureau office located at 1100 North Last Chance Gulch in Helena. The VCP summarizes the extent of Bunker C contamination at the facility and proposes removal of Bunker C contamination from the surface to 5 feet below grade level. Contaminated soil was disposed of at the High Plains Landfill and groundwater was monitored for two years to ensure contamination left in place does not impact water quality. Institutional controls limiting use of the facility are also in place. DEQ will hold a public meeting upon written request to the DEQ on or before Dec. 6, 2006, by 10 or more persons, a group of 10 or more persons, or by a local governing body. If you have any questions or would like to submit comments on the proposed delisting, please contact Jason Seyler, DEQ, Remediation Division, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620 0901 or by phone at (406) 841-5071 or at 1-800-246-8198 (in Montana outside Helena) or e-mail: jseyler@mt.gov